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SUBJECT: COUNTRY COMMERCIAL PROGRAM--WASHINGTON COMMERCIAL
ACTION GROUP (WCAG) MEETING FOR SECOND QUARTER

REF: A. KINSHASA 1361; B. KINSHASA 759

1. WASHINGTON COMMERCIAL ACTION GROUP (WCAG) MET FEBRUARY
23 TO CONSIDER SECOND QUARTER PROGRESS REPORT AND REVIEW
CURRENT SITUATION WITHIN ZAIRE. ATTENDING WERE USDOC
COUNTRY MARKETING MANAGER FOR AFRICA MILLER, USDOC COUNTRY
SPECIALIST MICHELINI, USIS ZAIRE DESK OFFICER LISLE, STATE
EB/OCA REPRESENTATIVE WALLACE, STATE COMMERCIAL COORDINA-
TOR WHITE, AND STATE ZAIRE COUNTRY OFFICER GALLAGHER.

2. WCAG ACKNOWLEDGES THE CONTINUATION OF AN UNSETTLED
ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SITUATION DURING SECOND QUARTER AND
APPRECIATES POST EFFORTS TO KEEP WASHINGTON INFORMED ABOUT
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DEVELOPMENTS. FINE REPORTING, INCLUDING SEVERAL EXCELLENT

MEMORANDA AND AIRGRAMS FROM LUBUMBASHI HAVE BEEN VERY USEFUL AND WE COMMENDED. WCAG ALSO APPRECIATES POST EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF U.S. CREDITORS AND BUSINESS VISITORS AND HOPES THESE TIMELY INITIATIVES WILL CONTINUE THROUGHOUT AND BEYOND CURRENT CCP PERIOD.

3. WCAG ACKNOWLEDGES NEED INDICATED IN REFTTEL A TO SHIFT EMPHASIS WITHIN CCP TO REFLECT CURRENT ECONOMIC REALITIES AND GOZ PRIORITIES. CONCENTRATION UPON AGRO-BUSINESS AND TRANSPORT SECTORS IS AGREED UPON SO LONG AS OTHER CCP OBJECTIVES, SUCH AS TARGETING NEW ZAIRIAN BUSINESS LEADERS AND PROMOTION OF AMERICAN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES CAMPAIGNS, ARE NOT LOST SIGHT OF. RECENT REPORTING ON SIGNIFICANT TRADE OPPORTUNITIES, SUCH AS REGIDESO WATER SUPPLY AND OFFICE DES ROUTES ROAD MAINTENANCE PROJECTS, OF PARTICULAR INTEREST AND WCAG HOPES MONITORING AND PROMOTION EFFORTS WILL CONTINUE.

4. WCAG BRIEFLY DISCUSSED FY 1977 CCP WHICH NOW AT FINAL DRAFTING STAGE WITHIN COMMERCE POST IMPUT, AS CONTAINED IN REFTTEL B, FOUND VERY USEFUL AND BEING FOLLOWED TO A MAXIMUM EXTENT. STATE/COMMERCE CONSULTATION TEAM CONSISTING OF COMMERCE CMM SALLY MILLER
EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN
KINSHASA IN MID-MAY TO DISCUSS WCAG APPROVED DRAFT WITH POST. ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON CONSULTATION TO FOLLOW SOONEST.

5. WCAG LOOKS FORWARD TO SUBMISSION IN APRIL OF THIRD QUARTER PROGRESS REPORT. KISSINGER

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